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OHIO

WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS SUMMARY

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OHIO CROP WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the State was 68.9 degrees, 8.1 degrees above normal for the week ending Sunday, September 25, 2005. Precipitation averaged 1.01 inches, 0.28 inches above normal. There were 118 modified growing degree days during the week, which is 31 degree days above normal for this week.

Reporters rated 5.3 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven-day period ending Friday, September 23, 2005. Days suitable for field work were down 1.1 days from last week, and down 0.8 days from last year. Compared to the 2000-2004 average, the current week is down 0.4 days. Topsoil moisture was rated 8 percent very short, 26 percent short, 59 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus.

Days Suitable

	Current week	Previous week	Since 1 st week of April
2005	5.3	6.4	130.3
2004	6.1	5.2	107.9
2000-2004 Average	5.7	5.6	109.1

Topsoil Moisture

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Current Week	8	26	59	7
Last Week	12	37	49	2
Same Week Last Year	4	19	62	15
2000-2004 Average	13	19	60	8

CROP PROGRESS AND FIELD ACTIVITIES WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2005

Reporters estimate that 92 percent of **soybeans** are dropping leaves, which is 15 days ahead of last year and 10 days ahead of the five-year average. Soybeans mature is at 46 percent, which is 1 day ahead of last year and 3 days ahead of the five-year average. Twelve percent of the soybeans are reported as harvested, which is 3 days behind last year, but

2 days ahead of the five-year average. Reporters estimate that 65 percent of the **corn** is at the mature stage, which is 4 days ahead of last year and 8 days ahead of the five-year average. Corn harvested for grain is at 5 percent, this is 2 days ahead of last year and 3 days ahead of the five-year average. Corn silage harvested is at 87 percent, which is 14 days ahead of last year and 12 days ahead of the five-year average. **Winter wheat** is 7 percent planted, which is 2 days ahead of last year and 4 days ahead of the five-year average. Thirty-one percent of fall and winter **apples** are reported as harvested, which is 3 days behind last year and 4 days behind the five-year average. **Potatoes** are 72 percent harvested, which is almost 3 weeks behind last year and 10 days behind the five-year average. **Processing tomatoes** are 92 percent harvested, which is 15 days ahead of last year and 10 days ahead of the five-year average. **Grapes** are 44 percent harvested which is 5 days ahead of last year, but the same as the five-year average.

Crop weather reporters estimate that the fourth **alfalfa hay** cutting is 62 percent complete; this is 8 days ahead of last year, and 6 days ahead of the five-year average. The third cutting of **other hay** is estimated to be 83 percent harvested which is 11 days ahead of last year and 6 days ahead of the five-year average.

The soybean harvest is continuing and the corn for grain harvest has begun. Heavy rainfall, in most counties in the state, has stopped harvesting activities until next week, at the earliest. Reporters in the Northwest region report pumpkin harvest is in full swing, which is earlier than normal. Farm activities for the week include: fall plowing and cutting, preparing and planting winter wheat, chopping silage, baling and making hay, and attending the Farm Science Review in London, Ohio.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION

The percentage of hay acreage rated in good-to-excellent condition is 45 percent, which is up 2 percentage points from last week. Thirty-three percent of pasture conditions are rated good-to-excellent, up 1 percentage point from last week. Corn is reported at 46 percent in good-to-excellent condition, an increase of 3 percentage points from last week. Fifty-four percent of soybean acreage is in good-to-excellent condition, identical to last week. Livestock and grass conditions are improving as rains have kept grass growing.

PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 25

Crop	2005	2004	2000-2004 Avg	Previous Week Ohio	U.S.
Alfalfa Hay 4 th cutting	62	39	50	44	NA
Apples Harvested (Fall & Winter)	31	36	39	17	NA
Corn Mature	65	52	42	34	57
Corn Harvested for grain	5	4	4	1	11
Corn Silage Harvested	87	68	68	72	NA
Grapes Harvested	44	36	45	34	NA
Other Hay 3 rd cutting	83	68	77	76	NA
Potatoes Harvested	72	90	82	56	NA
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	92	74	76	73	64
Soybeans Mature	46	44	37	23	NA
Soybeans Harvested	12	20	10	5	8
Processing Tomatoes	92	75	80	78	NA
Winter Wheat Planted	7	4	3	2	25

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 25

CORN	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	5	14	35	38	8
Previous Week	6	15	36	36	7
Previous Year	3	7	23	48	19
HAY	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	6	14	35	39	6
Previous Week	5	16	36	37	6
Previous Year	3	11	27	46	13
PASTURE	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	8	19	40	30	3
Previous Week	12	18	38	29	3
Previous Year	3	8	26	49	14
SOYBEANS	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	3	11	32	44	10
Previous Week	3	11	32	43	11
Previous Year	4	9	24	46	17

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 25

	Temperature		Precipitation				Growing Degree Days ^{1/}			
Region	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.
Northwest	68.1	8.2	1.58	0.98	17.94	-2.42	109	26	3099	274
North Central	67.9	7.9	1.07	0.37	22.09	1.06	108	26	3061	277
Northeast	66.0	7.0	0.59	-0.27	21.24	-0.81	96	19	2922	298
West Central	69.2	8.4	1.49	0.89	20.80	-1.04	118	30	3191	249
Central	69.4	8.1	1.28	0.61	20.34	-1.90	118	27	3225	254
Central Hills	67.2	7.6	1.01	0.27	21.57	-0.79	106	24	3050	291
Northeast Hills	66.6	6.5	0.66	-0.14	20.26	-1.97	101	17	3007	209
Southwest	70.8	8.8	1.01	0.27	19.67	-3.44	131	36	3315	213
South Central	71.9	9.3	0.56	-0.27	19.38	-2.67	153	55	3407	267
Southeast	69.7	8.4	0.68	-0.10	19.38	-2.92	129	39	3210	252
STATE	68.9	8.1	1.01	0.28	20.11	-1.84	118	31	3162	257

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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